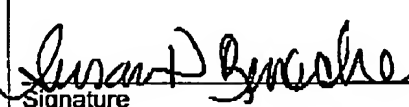
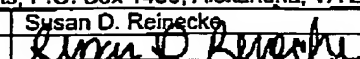


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In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application (the "Pending Application").

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